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From the desk of the Deputy Director
Eric Zausner

As the last of the snow quickly melts away and we find ourselves in spring, now is a great time to reflect back on a very successful winter; which yielded us nearly 50 new members. This winter we also held several advanced trainings in Leadership, CPR and outreach.

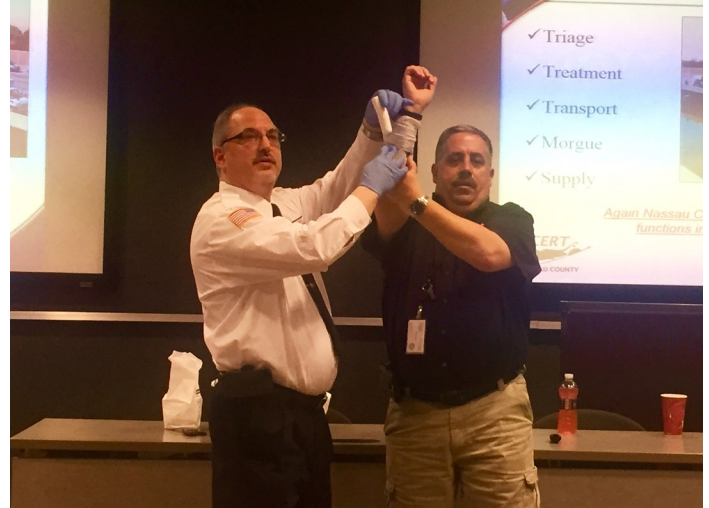
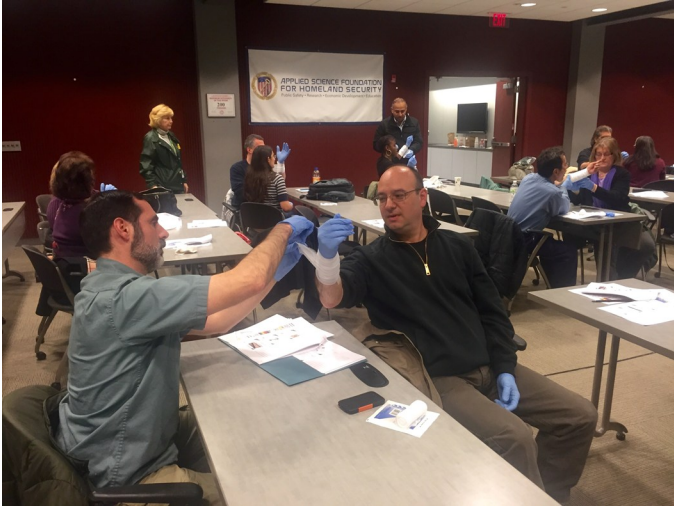
As we move into Spring, Jim and I are working to continue to bring you new advanced trainings, and also continuing to refine our outreach selection process so that we will only be going to the best events with the most amount of people.

Looking forward, we have a very exciting spring ahead of us filled with a POD Drill, the airshow and the marathon to name but a few of the things that are going on. There is also a new Basic Training in New Hyde Park that is going to start on April 29th. If you know anyone who might want to sign up, or if you, yourself would like to take the class as a refresher; please let us know

All in all 2015, is looking to shape up in a great year for CERT, lots of new training and exciting drills & events. Both Jim and I look forward to seeing each of you at these events this spring.



CERT BASIC CLASS



CERT Graduation



County Executive Mangano congratulates Nassau's newest CERTs & Thank you to Legislators Rose Walker, Denise Ford and Laura Schaefer for also recognizing these distinguished volunteers!



April 2015 - Upcoming Events

April 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 RACES 7 PM	3 PASSOVER 	4 PASSOVER 
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Division 2 Spring Meeting		16 Division Leaders 7 PM	17	18
19	20	21	22 POD Drill CW Post	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 CERT BASIC #1	30		

RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs APR 2nd

OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Division Leaders Meeting - Thurs APR 16th

OEM Lecture Hall Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Division #2- Spring Meeting- Tues. APR 14th

Time 7:30PM

CERT Basic Class at the Marcus Christ Community Center, New Hyde Park, Wednesdays starting April 29th

Marcus Christ Community Center
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Nassau Department of Health, Point of Distribution Drill, April 22

CW Post
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm
PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED



May 2015 - Upcoming Events

May 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 LONG ISLAND MARATHON
3 LONG ISLAND MARATHON	4	5 	6 CERT BASIC #2 NHP	7 RACES Meeting 7PM	8	9
10 	11	12	13 CERT BASIC #3 NHP	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 CERT BASIC #4 NHP	21 Division Leaders Meeting 7PM	22	23 JONES BEACH AIRSHOW
24 Jones Beach Airshow	25 	26 ALL COUNTY CERT Meeting	27 CERT BASIC #5 NHP	28	29	30
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RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs MAR 7th

OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Division Leaders Meeting - Thurs MAR 21st

OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

CERT ALL COUNTY Meeting

OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7:30PM

CERT Basic Class Continues in Marcus Christ Community Center, Wednesdays

Marcus Christ Community Center,
New Hyde Park
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Long Island Marathon, Sat 5/2 & Sun 5/3

Eisenhower Park
Time: Morning (further details TBD)

Jones Beach Airshow, Sat 5/24 & Sun 5/25

Jones Beach
Time TBD



Flood Preparedness 101

How Do I Keep Myself and My Family Safe During a Flood?

Before the flood reaches your area:

- Know if floodwaters might affect your home and property. Know your elevation above flood stage.
- Develop a flood emergency action plan.
- Evacuate immediately, if advised to do so. Bring important documents with you.
- Move to a safe area before access is cut off.
- Keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing water.

During the flood:

- Avoid areas subject to flooding.
- Never drive through flooded roadways.
- Do not drive around barricades, they are there for your protection.
- If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately.
- Never try to walk through or allow children to play around flood water.

After the flood:

- Do not visit disaster areas, your presence may hamper emergency operations.
- Throw out food that has come into contact with the floodwater and boil drinking water before using it.
- Stay out of buildings that remain in flood waters.
- Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas.
- If the power is out, use flashlights to examine buildings. Flammables may be inside.
- Report broken utilities to the correct authorities.



Flood Preparedness 101

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Flood Myth vs. Fact

Myth: A 100-year flood only occurs every 100 years.

Fact: The 100-year flood is a climactic average; there is a 1% chance that a 100-year flood will occur in any given year.

Myth: Flash floods only occur along flowing streams.

Fact: Flash floods can occur in urban areas where no streams are present.

Myth: Flash floods occur mainly in the late afternoon and evening.

Fact: Many flash floods occur at night.

Myth: Larger vehicles, such as SUVs and pickup trucks are safe to drive through flood waters.

Fact: Two feet of water can carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pickup trucks.

Flooded Roadway Facts

- Nearly half of all people killed in floods are those who try driving through flooded areas.
- Once your vehicle is lifted off the road by high water, it can easily be pushed sideways. Most vehicles will then tend to roll over, trapping those inside.
- Water can erode the road bed, creating unsafe driving conditions.
- Underpasses can fill rapidly with water. Driving into a flooded underpass can quickly put you in five to six feet of water.
- There is no guarantee that the road still exists under the water, or that the roadbed hasn't been undercut by the flood waters, just waiting for a little additional weight to make it collapse.
- **IF YOU CANNOT SEE THE BOTTOM OF THE FLOODED SECTION, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS IT!**



County Executive Mangano launches a new Mass Communications system for Nassau Residents



Nassau County Executive Edward P. recently launched Smart911, a public safety service to enhance call taking, streamline response times, assist in planning and response in the event of a disaster, and provide emergency alerts to residents.

“Nassau County is the safest large suburban county in the United States of America and our crime rate is now at the lowest level in history,” said County Executive Mangano. “Smart911 allows us to provide an even higher level of emergency service to residents while also enhancing officer safety. The more information we are able to gather about any situation enables responders to make better decisions more quickly when lives and property are at risk.”

The Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) is providing Smart911, which allows residents to create a free safety profile for their household at www.smart911.com that can include information necessary for 911 call takers to have in the event of an emergency. Details can include names and photos of all family members, medical conditions, allergies, pets, and emergency contacts. The Safety Profile will immediately display to 911 call takers when the resident makes an emergency calls, and also provides a way for residents to include information that will enhance disaster response such as power needs for medical equipment, evacuation assistance and sheltering needs. In the event of a natural disaster, public safety officials will be able to quickly determine which residents need assistance.

Smart911 also provides the capability to conduct Mass Emergency Alerting callouts, allowing residents to opt-in to receive emergency alerts from public safety officials based on geographic locations of events. These mass notifications can be sent through various means of communications including phone, text or e-mail.

All options for Smart911 are managed by residents at www.smart911.com and can be changed or updated at any time. There is no cost to residents who register with Smart911

We encourage you to signup for this new free service



6 Tips to Prepare for Blackouts!



Tips to Prepare for Blackouts!

1. Follow energy conservation measures to reduce electricity usage, which can help power companies avoid imposing rolling blackouts.
2. Fill plastic containers with water and place them in the refrigerator and freezer. Leave about an inch of space inside each one to account for expansion. Chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
3. Be aware that most medication that requires refrigeration can be kept in a closed refrigerator for several hours without a problem. If unsure, check with your physician or pharmacist.
4. Keep your car tank at least half full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.
5. Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it. Garage doors can be heavy, so know that you may need help in lifting it.
6. Keep a key to your house with you if you regularly use the garage as the primary means of entering your home, in case the garage door will not open.





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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

Deadline for submission of articles, photos and news for the next CERT Newsletter is :

April 20th.

CERT BASIC COURSE

THE NEXT CERT BASIC COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

APRIL 29, MAY 6, 13, 20, 27 JUNE 3 & 10

SIGN UPS ARE ONGOING—CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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(Current CERT Members may attend any class as a refresher)

